

Case CM2415M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC § 371 from  
the International Application of :  
**Matthew Grady McGoff, et al.** :  
Int'l Appln No. PCT/US00/27300 :  
Int'l Filing Date of 04 October 2000 :  
Entitled: ELASTIC ARTICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 to 15 and insert therefor new Claims 16 to 31 as follows.

16. An elastic article comprising

- A,*
- a. an active ingredient; and
  - b. a foam matrix formed from at least one polymeric material and a plasticiser;  
and
  - c. a stabilizing agent;

wherein said article is adapted to deliver said active ingredient to an aqueous environment.